



Miss 'Shorty' Groundhog

## Winter six more weeks

by Gord Murray

It's hard to find a quotable groundhog these days so the Acton Free Press had to depend on the same funny looking furry beast with glasses the paper consulted last year, regarding the next few weeks of weather.

Miss "Shorty" Groundhog agreed with her cousin Phil, of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, and predicted, after seeing her own shadow Saturday morning, another six weeks of winter.

She promised the "snow job" we'll get from Old Man Winter the next month and a half won't be nearly as bad as the one Canadian voters have withstood since the "national Igloo" in Ottawa melted just before Christmas.

When asked why she is the only groundhog ever available for an interview with this newspaper, Miss Groundhog reported her Acton brothers and sisters can't get out of their holes for the Ontario Hydro tower footings. They don't mind though, she said, since being underground they are avoiding most of the "static" connected with the corridor.

She promised to send along Acton residents' regards to her furry friends in the area via "underground."

She doesn't know if the meek will inherit the earth but is sure "Animal Power" will triumph on February 18 with the Rhinos inheriting the mantle of national government.

Miss Groundhog predicted the Rhinos will "horn" in on all Canadians' business, but won't start World War III by attacking Belgium. However, she warned, Turkey better not "chicken" out of NATO talks with the Rhinos or our air force "the Fairy Squad of ducks and geese" will "flap" over and drop a few "bombs" on Istanbul.

The groundhogs want Acton to stay in the Guelph book though they would like free calling to Moosonee, Beaverton and Hawksville she added.

## Cable TV may offer university credit courses

Cable television viewers in the Georgetown, Acton, and Milton areas may soon be able to take University credit courses in the comfort of their own homes.

Wilfrid Laurier University officials are presently surveying the Halton region through a series of newspaper advertisements to see whether people in the area would like to take courses via

its Tele-college program. Public response to the ads may determine whether the series of lectures by WLU professors will be run on the local station.

John Olivier, program director of Halton Cable Systems Ltd. in Georgetown, feels that the offering of such courses via Cable-4 is an important use of air time on a community channel.

WLU Telecollege presently offers courses in business, political science, psychology, and sociology through cable television in the Waterloo region. The courses are made up of a series of half-hour programs combined with a home study package.

Dr. Fred Little, Director of Continuing Education at WLU, said the program is designed

to make it easier for people to earn University credits through study at home.

"Not everyone who is working or who has responsibilities at home is able to come to the campus," Dr. Little said. "We hope to make courses accessible to everyone who is interested."

## New Order of Eastern Star established in Acton

by Clara Christensen  
More than 300 members of the Order of the Eastern Star filled Nanson Hall at Duff's Presbyterian Church on Saturday, to support the Institution of Cardinal Chapter 321 of Acton.

Guests attended from throughout the province of Ontario from Ottawa to Windsor. At 2 p.m. Mr. Frank Townsend, Worthy Grand Patron of Grand Chapter of Ontario, officiated over the solemn and impressive ceremony of a group of men and women from Acton joined together to form the chapter Under Dispensation.

Mr. Terry Bloor, Grand Marshal, conducted the new members throughout the afternoon, and Mrs. Shirley Reid, Grand Chaplain led the devotion. Fifty-one men and women answered the Petition for Dispensation, called by Mrs. Mary Smith, Grand Secretary, thus forming the first new chapter to be instituted in Ontario for nine years.

Throughout the afternoon many distinguished guests were introduced including: Mrs. Vivian Hunter, Worthy Grand Matron of Ontario, Mrs. Sheila Anderson and Mr. Jim Hessel, General Grand Chapter of Committee members, Mrs. Evelyn Little, Mrs. Dorothy Phillips, Mrs. Shirley Thrasher, Mrs. Violet Whitfield, Mrs. Marjorie Morgan, and Mrs. Olive Avery, passed Grand Matrons of Ontario and Mr. Joseph Whitfield, Mr. Eldon Matches and Mr. Hector Little, past Grand Patrons of Ontario.

Many Grand Chapter committee members and District Deputy Grand

Matrons were introduced, the most important of whom was Mrs. Eileen McGuiness, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 20, who, with Mr. Townsend and Miss Muriel McCutcheon, were responsible for the formation of Cardinal Chapter and in preparing the Institution ceremonies.

Cardinal Chapter 321 U.D. will now become the newest chapter in district 20.

After a supper, which was convened by Mrs. Gladys Sheard and her committee, and hosted by Rundel chapter 100, O.E.S. of Guelph, the Mother Chapter of Cardinal Chapter at the Dublin Street United Church, Mr. Bob Sheard, Worthy Patron of Rundel Chapter 108 welcomed all the guests and invited them back to Nanson hall for the completion of the ceremonies, which commenced at 8 p.m.

Once again Nanson

Hall was filled to capacity and the offices of the Grand Chapter of Ontario confirmed the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The officers elect for the Cardinal Chapter 321 U.D. are: Miss Muriel McCutcheon, Worthy Matron, Mr. Herbert Hinton, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Grace Perry, Associate Matron, Mr. Charles Perry, Associate Patron, Mrs. Betty Knapton, Secretary, Mrs. Jack Patton, Treasurer, Mrs. Evelyn Snow, Conductor, Mrs. Betty Holmes, Associate Conductor, Mr. John Ellacott, Chaplain, Mrs. Eileen McCutcheon, Marshal, Mrs. Helen Roggvoldson, Adah, Mrs. Gail Manual, Ruth, Mrs. Lula Sinclair, Martha, Mrs. Marie Hargreaves Eleca, Mr. Laurence Slingerland, Warder and Mr. Neil Bowles Sentinel.

At the close of the meeting, presentations of many pieces of Eastern Star regalia were made to Cardinal Chapter and received by Miss McCutcheon. Afterwards she expressed sincerest appreciation on behalf of all the officers and members of Cardinal 321 U.D.

The evening closed with the formation of a circle by the officers of the Grand Chapter of Ontario, Cardinal 321 U.D. and Rundel Chapter 108, at which time all present joined in the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Following the meeting a lunch convened by Mrs. Elizabeth Blum, Passed Matron and Mrs. Jean Bridges, was served by the members of the Rundel Chapter 108 to all those present.

Cardinal 321 U.D. will carry on the many projects of the Order of the Eastern Star in Ontario for the year 1979-80.

The projects are cancer research, benevolent work, which was established to aid

and assist the members and their families in times of need and distress, and ESTARL awards. ESTARL means Eastern Star Training

Awards for Religious Leadership. These awards help young men and women who wish to study for the ministry or missionary work and

need financial assistance. Many other projects are carried on continuously from year to year.

Cardinal Chapter 321 U.D. will be meeting in the Presbyterian Church in Acton on the first Monday of each Month at 8 p.m. They are looking forward to welcoming many fellow members of the Order of the Eastern Star at their regular meetings.

**Chief checks fire cause**  
Acton Fire Chief Mick Holmes is investigating a fire call to Frank Heller and Co. Limited on Eastern Ave. about 10:30 Tuesday night. The small fire created a fair amount of smoke.

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## Build permit values slump

The total value of building permits issued in Halton Hills for all of 1979 reached \$13,507,936, down from the 1978 total of \$16,086,877. In 1977 the total was only \$10.3 million.

During the past year 230 residential permits, including house alterations and swimming pools, were issued, compared to 265 in 1978, and 281 in 1977.

Commercial permits during 1979 were \$3,946,173, compared to \$1,954,600 in 1978 and \$479,350 in 1977.

Industrial permits last year amounted to \$1,357,400, while in '78 the total was \$994,300.

The December building permit total was \$3,838,615. Alterations at 22 Mill Street, Acton, accounted for \$70,000 of the December total.

## Fire chief thanks folks

Rockwood-Eramosa Fire Department Chief Carl Meadows expressed thanks to local citizenry for help during Friday's blaze in the village.



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

The Council for the Town of Halton Hills has established a "Working Committee" to investigate the need for and feasibility of a Transportation Service for the Physically Disabled for the Town of Halton Hills.

For the purpose of this study the definition of a Physically Disabled person is as follows: "A person who is physically disabled and requires mechanical or personal assistance to board a vehicle."

Letters and questionnaires have been forwarded to possible users, service organizations and community groups.

Any interested individual and groups who have not been contacted and wish to receive a Questionnaire may contact the Town of Halton Hills, Clerk's Department at 877-5185 Extension 34.

All questionnaires to be completed and returned by February 15th, 1980.

Councillor M.E. Serjeantson  
Chairperson, Working Committee



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